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SUBJECT: PRESS SURVEY OF IRA FUND-RAISING IN US

1. CONGEN BELFAST ADVISED EMBASSY THAT SUNDAY TIMES APPARENTLY PLANNING IN-DEPTH REPORT ON IRA FUND-RAISING ACTIVITIES IN US, WITH SPECIAL EMPHASIS ON NORTHERN AID ASSOCIATION (NORAIID). EMBASSY SOUGHT TO VERIFY THIS REPORT WITH SUNDAY TIMES SOURCES WHO INDICATED THEY ARE GATHERING MATERIAL FOR WIDE-RANGING NI STORY, WHICH IS UNLIKELY TO BE PUBLISHED BEFORE FEBRUARY. SUNDAY TIMES REPS ALSO EXPRESSED INTEREST IN DISCUSSING FUND-RAISING PROBLEM WITH EMBOFFS PRESUMABLY ON EITHER ATTRIBUTABLE OR NON-ATTRIBUTABLE BASIS.

2. WE BELIEVE SUNDAY TIMES, WHICH IS WIDELY RESPECTED FOR ITS INVESTIGATIVE REPORTS, DESIRES TO PRESENT BALANCED REVIEW OF PROBLEM, INCLUDING USG EFFORTS TO ENFORCE ITS LAWS AGAINST IRA OR ANY OTHER VIOLATORS, AND THAT THIS PROVIDES US WITH EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY TO PUBLICIZE USG EFFORTS IN THIS REGARD. ACCORDINGLY, EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE ADDITIONAL BACKGROUND INFORMATION, WHICH CAN BE PASSED TO SUNDAY TIMES, REGARDING: NORAIID AND OTHER IRA FRONT ORGANIZATIONS; US STATUTES AND REGULATIONS

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GOVERNING FUND-RAISING AND ARMS EXPORTS; AND USG ENFORCE-

MENT ACTIONS AND SUCCESSFUL PROSECUTIONS. ANY ADDITIONAL
INFORMATION OR GUIDANCE WHICH DEPARTMENT BELIEVES MIGHT
PROVE USEFUL WILL, OF COURSE, BE APPRECIATED.

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